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SUBJECT: (C) REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON TURKISH GENERAL STAFF VIEWS OF ERGENEKON (C-RE9-01306)

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OWENS, ACTING DIR, INR/OPS. REASON: 1.4(C).

[11.](#) (C) WASHINGTON ANALYSTS GREATLY APPRECIATED THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN REFTEL AND PREVIOUS REPORTING PERTAINING TO POLICE VIEWS ON THE ERGENEKON INVESTIGATION AND TRIAL PROCESS. WE CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE ERGENEKON PROCESS AS THIS REMAINS A TOP STAFF (TGS) RELATED TO ERGENEKON, AS TIME, RESOURCES, AND CURRENT WORKLOAD PERMIT. WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN ANY ADDITIONAL INSIGHTS PC

[1A.](#) (C) TO WHAT EXTENT ARE THE TGS OR OTHER PARTS OF THE MILITARY, SUCH AS THE NAVY, INVOLVED WITH THE ERGENEKON NETWORK?

[1B.](#) (C) WHAT IS THE TGS' ATTITUDE TOWARD THE INVESTIGATION? TO WHAT EXTENT DO THEY FEAR THE INVESTIGATION IS GROWING AND/OR MOVING BEYOND THE

[1C.](#) (C) WHAT INDICATIONS, IF ANY, WOULD SUGGEST THAT TGS MEMBERS ARE AWARE OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE INVESTIGATION THAT ARE NOT YET PUBLIC? HOW DOES THE TGS KEEP INFORMED OF THE ERGENEKON TRIAL AND RELAT

[1D.](#) (C) WHAT, IF ANY, BACK-CHANNEL DISCUSSIONS, MEETINGS, OR NEGOTIATIONS RELATED TO ERGENEKON ARE TAKING PLACE BETWEEN TGS LEADERSHIP AND TE

[1E.](#) (C) AT WHAT POINT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE ERGENEKON INVESTIGATION OR RELATED ISSUES WOULD THE TGS OR ELEMENTS THEREOF BE LIKELY TO INTERVENE IN SOME WAY IN THE AKP GOVERNMENT? WHAT SHAPE WOULD SU

[1F.](#) (C) WHAT IS TGS CHIEF ILKER BASBUG'S PERSPECTIVE ON THE INVESTIGATIONS? WHAT, IF ANY, INDICATIONS WOULD INDICATE THAT BASBUG APPROVES OF

[1G.](#) (C) WHAT INDICATIONS, IF ANY, WOULD SEEM TO SUGGEST THAT BASBUG MIGHT TRY TO MAKE HIS OWN DEAL WITH PROSECUTORS TO AVOID ACCUSATIONS OF C

[1H.](#) (C) TO WHAT EXTENT IS THE TGS CONCERNED THAT FORMER TGS CHIEFS HILMI OZKOK OR YASAR BUYUKANIT MIGHT BE COOPERATING WITH THE INVESTIGATORS

[12.](#) (U) PLEASE CITE C-RE9-01306 IN THE SUBJECT LINE OF REPORTING IN RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS.  
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